

AGN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

MARCH 1, 2005

**NATIONAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK, MARCH 1-7, 2005**

National Weights and Measures Week is being observed during the week of March 1-7 by State and local jurisdictions throughout the United States. This is the recognition of the first Weights and Measure law, passed by the United States Congress on March 2, 1799.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures has chosen the theme for the County's observance: "**Be Alert – Pay for Product, Not Packaging.**" This issue has special significance to every consumer, in Los Angeles County, purchasing any commodity over a scale.

The Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department routinely conducts undercover inspections at retail facilities. These inspections have uncovered and corrected problems, fortifying the integrity of the sales process and enhancing consumer awareness.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution and proclaim March 1-7, 2005, as "Weights and Measures Week" in the County of Los Angeles, and direct the Executive Officer of the Board to forward a signed copy of the resolution to the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

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Attachment

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## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, 206 YEARS AGO, ON MARCH 2, 1799, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ENACTED ITS FIRST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW, CITING THE NECESSITY OF STANDARDS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, THE IMPORTANCE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AS A PUBLIC SERVICE, THE NEED FOR EXAMINING AND TRYING WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS RECOGNIZED THIS NEED IN ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY FUNCTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD; AND

WHEREAS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAWS AND REGULATIONS PROMOTE ACCURACY AND RELIABILITY IN PRODUCT LABELING, PACKAGING, AND ADVERTISED PRICES, WHICH FACILITATES VALUE COMPARISONS; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY SEALER AND HIS STAFF DILIGENTLY PERFORM THEIR DUTIES OF INSPECTING ALL WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HIS JURISDICTION TO ENSURE EQUITY IN ALL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL CITIZENS IN OUR COUNTY, WHETHER BUYERS OR SELLERS; AND,

WHEREAS, MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 7 WILL BE OBSERVED AS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK THROUGHOUT THE NATION: AND,

WHEREAS, THE THEME, "BE ALERT – PAY FOR PRODUCT, NOT PACKAGING", IS INTENDED TO ALERT AND INFORM COUNTY CONSUMERS ABOUT TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING TARE WEIGHTS;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE COUNTY SEALER AND HIS STAFF, DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 7 BE KNOWN AS "WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK" IN OUR COUNTY, AND URGES EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE THE VERY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITIES OF THIS COUNTY BEING MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART BY BECOMING BETTER INFORMED CONSUMERS.

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